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Work & Study Abroad

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AND IS WAITING FOR YOU

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS, CAMPS, INTERNSHIPS,
VOLUNTEERING, PAID WORK, AU PAIR,
50 + PROGRAMS

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It's Breaktime!

Picture yourself living in Paris, discovering Rome, surfing in the South Pacific or exploring Tokyo! Imagine yourself immersing in another culture, helping the world and getting invaluable experience and new skills at the same time! You can do all this and much more with Breaktime!

Breaktime is a Canadian company that offers you the opportunity to enjoy your holidays, sabbatical or gap year by doing a language immersion or a work program abroad.

We can help you choose the best option based on your interests, time availability and budget.

See The World and Enrich Your Life

International study experiences play a significant role in personal growth. Our lives are enriched by exposure to new cultures, languages, communities and experiences. They help us understand Canada's place in the world and our place in Canada.

More importantly, these experiences help us become globally literate, adaptable persons that can understand our reality in a better way and will be ready to succeed in today's world.

Benefits of an International Experience

According to a recent survey by the Canadian Bureau for International Education, 94% of employers say they value job candidates with international experience because it develops cross-cultural understanding and would hire a candidate with study abroad experience over one without, all else being equal.



Preferred Destinations to Study Spanish

All the Spanish speaking countries where Breaktime has partner schools are great places to study, however our preferred Spanish destinations are countries where you can find more school options and a wider variety of volunteer or internship opportunities.

SPAIN

Is one of the worlds top 5 travel destinations and the cradle of Spanish language. Its cities are full of history, art and festivities. Winters are short and mild, especially in the south and summers can be very hot. The food is great and there are many wine regions to visit. Spain is the country in the world that receives the highest amount of Spanish students. You can choose from bigger cities full of activities and museums, such as Madrid or Barcelona, or smaller, student oriented cities, like Salamanca or Málaga.



ECUADOR

One of the most interesting countries in the Americas, it offers tropical rainforests, beautiful beaches, snowy mountains and the Galapagos Islands. Due to Ecuador's small size it's possible to go from the tropics to the snow in a short drive. Breaktime offers schools in Quito and Cuenca, a charming colonial town. Both cities are Unesco World Heritage Sites. Another option is Montañita, a surfer's paradise with a countercultural atmosphere. Volunteering is possible in the Galapagos, the Amazon, the beaches and the cities.



COSTA RICA

Is one of the most popular destinations for warm beaches and eco-tourism. Costa Rica is very green, full of natural parks and the ideal destination to practice adventure and aquatic sports. It has consistently been rated as one of the most developed countries in Latin America and is usually safe and tourist oriented. People are friendly and because of its small size you can always go on tours to different parts of the country. Breaktime has partner schools in the capital, San José or in smaller cities and beach resorts.



MEXICO

Is one of the top world destinations as it offers everything: great weather, nice beaches, amazing archaeological sites, Spanish Colonial towns, thousands of cultural festivities, world famous food and very friendly people always willing to help. Breaktime offers schools in Mexico's most attractive towns such as Cuernavaca, Guanajuato, Playa del Carmen, Puerto Vallarta and Oaxaca. The Spanish spoken in Mexico is very clear and its proximity to Canada and the USA makes it easily accessible via a short, direct flight.



OTHER GREAT DESTINATIONS TO STUDY SPANISH

Breaktime also offers excellent schools in
Argentina: Cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, Ski Resorts and great food.
Chile: Modern Santiago, the wine regions, ski resorts and hiking.
Bolivia: Indigenous cultures of the Andes Highlands.
Peru: Cuzco's Inca and Spanish past, Machu Picchu and great food.
Dominican Republic: Ideal Beach Resorts all year round.
Cuba: Interesting history, tropical beaches and welcoming people.



Destinations to Study Italian

ITALY

Is one of the most popular destinations in the world due to its millenary history, outstanding art and amazing food. Italy has also modern vibrant cities, beautiful beaches and countryside and great ski resorts. Breaktime has partner schools in Rome, Florence, Milano and Capo Vaticano. In addition to your course, our partner schools offer weekend trips to all of Italy's charming cities, beaches and islands where great food, good wine and the traditional friendliness of Italian people will always be close to you.



Destinations to Study German

GERMANY

Germany is the fourth biggest economy in the planet and is home of some of the most important companies in the world. Speaking German is not only an advantage when doing business, but it also opens innumerable doors for educational programs related to technology, engineering, arts, music, architecture, sports and much more. Learning German will always be a fascinating experience, and Breaktime offers options in Berlin, Dusseldorf and Frankfurt.



Destinations to Study French

FRANCE

Is the most popular tourist destination in the world. Breaktime has partner schools in Paris or in smaller towns all around the country. Whether you are looking to learn French in the wine regions of Bordeaux or Burgundy or in the Mediterranean towns of Nice or Montpellier, you will always be close to places of historical interest, good food, cultural activities, museums and great people. Schools in France have students from all around the world and it is easy to organize trips to many cities around Europe.



CANADA

Is the ideal destination to learn French if you prefer not to travel overseas. Breaktime offers schools in Montreal and Quebec City. Montreal is dynamic, multicultural, has a great transportation system, offers lots of cultural events all year round and many festivals and outdoor activities during summer. Quebec City is one of the most unique places in the Americas with its beautiful French colonial town and historical buildings. Canadians can do internships or paid work programs in Montreal and Quebec City.



SWITZERLAND

The Swiss have always maintained and nurtured their own local customs, and because of this, Switzerland is a country with an enormous wealth of cultural activity and living tradition. Switzerland is also renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and natural beauty which offers endless options of hiking trails and outdoor activities. Breaktime's partner school is located in the centre of Lausanne, a city located in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, on the shore of the picturesque Lake Geneva, close to the Alps.



Destinations to Study Japanese

JAPAN

To learn Japanese is to transport oneself into a culturally enriched world of literary works, classic or anime films, refined food and millennia of well kept traditions. The subtleties of the Japanese language are parallel to the ways of life in Japan. Importance is placed on politeness when speaking, as well as in all types of social situations. Since Japanese is extremely easy to pronounce, it is not difficult to master the language in a short period of time. Breaktime has partner schools in Tokyo, Fukuoka and Kanazawa.



Destinations to Study Mandarin or Cantonese

HONG KONG

With China now the second largest economy in the world, and Canada's second largest trading partner, it is evident that learning Cantonese (in addition to Mandarin) is a crucial asset in helping you open more doors to career and cultural opportunities. Hong Kongers will be delighted to do business or to make friends with you with the convenience of speaking in their local dialect. Imagine also going to a Dim Sum restaurant and being able to order your favorite dishes in Cantonese!



Destinations to Study Mandarin

CHINA

With a recorded history of 5,000 years, China has many historical wonders awaiting you to discover. From the Great Wall of China in Beijing to the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor in Xi'an, the country has a total of 43 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Breaktime offers schools in China's capital, Beijing, where astonishing historic and cultural landmarks await you in every corner; and in Shanghai, the biggest city in China and its main financial and economic centre.



TAIWAN

Taiwan's articulate food culture and natural landscapes are the hidden gems of this island. Dive into the street foods and small restaurants which are mostly family operated with recipes that were passed down from generations before. A short scenic train ride takes you from Taipei (capital of Taiwan) to Pingxi, where you can find the breathtaking Shifeng Waterfall, historical architecture, and bustling market places. Breaktime's partner school is located in Taipei.



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Detail of All Language Programs

	Spanish	French	Italian	German	Mandarin	Cantonese	Japanese
1) General Language Lessons for All Levels	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2) Private Lessons for All Levels	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3) Mini Group Intensive Courses	✓						
4) Business Language	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5) Language Classes for Students Over 50 Years Old	✓	✓	✓				
6) Long Term Language Courses (12 to 52 weeks)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7) Spanish While Travelling Around Spain or Ecuador	✓						
8) Language Lessons and Christmas Celebrations	✓						
9) Preparation for Official Language Tests	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
10) Language Teacher Training Course	✓						
11) Language For Tourism	✓						
12) Language Immersion For Medical Students	✓						
13) Language and Surf Lessons	✓						
14) Language and Padi Scuba Dive Master Program	✓						
15) Language and Diving Lessons	✓						
16) Language and Cooking Lessons	✓	✓	✓				
17) Spanish and Dancing Lessons (Salsa, Flamenco or Tango)	✓						
18) Language and Art and Culture Seminars	✓	✓	✓	✓			
19) Junior Programs for Teenagers	✓						
20) Language and Cultural Activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21) Chinese or Japanese Writing and Reading Lessons					✓	✓	✓

Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN DO PROGRAMS START?

For General Language Programs and Private Lessons, most schools have starting dates every Monday throughout the year. More specialized programs have specific starting dates.

HOW LONG ARE THE PROGRAMS?

General Language Programs and Private Lessons can be taken from a minimum of two weeks and there is no maximum duration. More specialized programs have specific durations.

HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAMS?

Registering for the language immersion programs is easy and straightforward. Once a program and a school is selected Breaktime will help you to fill a simple application form. For programs that include a work portion, usually schools will require a skype interview before accepting the candidate.

DOES BREAKTIME WORK & STUDY ABROAD CHARGE FOR GIVING ME INFORMATION?

Breaktime does not charge for the information and advice. You will only pay if you actually go abroad and Breaktime prices are usually more affordable than if you book directly with the school. Besides, Breaktime takes care of all the paperwork.

Detail of All Volunteer and Work Programs

SPAIN

Internships: Catering, Graphic Arts, NGO's, Tourism, Law, Cinema and Entertainment, Communications, Marketing, IT, Real Estate. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 8 weeks of work

ITALY

Internships: Tourism, Restaurants, Advertising, Sales, Art Galleries, Restoration, Fashion, Cinema, Record Companies, Journalism/Media, Photography, Law and Architecture. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Italian + 4 weeks of work

ARGENTINA

Internships: Hospitality Industry, IT, Sales. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 12 weeks of work
Volunteer: Social Work with Children. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 4 weeks of volunteering

COSTA RICA

Internships: Communications, Education and Social Studies. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 8 weeks of work

Volunteer: Volunteer in National Parks, Children Education, Physical Education for Children, Care Seniors or Orphans, Flower or Fruit Plantations. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 2 weeks of volunteering

ECUADOR

Internships: Accounting, Administrative Work, Fundraising, Travel Agency Staff, Hostel Staff, Medical Clinic Staff. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 8 weeks of work

Volunteer: National Park Assistant, Aquarium and Animal Rescue Centre in the Coast of Ecuador, Volunteering in the Galapagos Islands, Volunteering in the Amazon Rainforest, Work with underprivileged children, Red Cross, Language Tutoring. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 2 weeks of volunteering

MEXICO

Internships: Dental Office, Clinical Shadowing in the Red Cross. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 8 weeks of work

Volunteer: Volunteer in Marine Turtle Rescue Center. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Spanish + 2 weeks of volunteering

CANADA

Internships: Business, Tourism, Event Organization, Law, Communications, Marketing, IT, International Trade, etc. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of French + 4 weeks of internship

Paid Work: Retail Jobs, Cafes, Hotels, Summer or Winter Jobs, etc. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of French + 12 weeks paid work

CHINA

Internships: Architecture, Education, Advertising, International Trade, Finance, Hospitality, IT, Logistics, Marketing, etc. **Duration:** Min. 4 weeks of Mandarin + 4 weeks of internship

* Above are examples of the most common areas for internships, but we can find them in most fields, based on an interview.

* Language classes have to be taken until the participant reaches the necessary level to take part in the work program. Most work program providers will need to have a skype interview with the participant in order to determine in advance the number of weeks of classes necessary to be accepted into the programs.



Accommodation Options

RESIDENCES

Live independently in student accommodation with access to facilities such as kitchen, laundry, communal areas and the company of like minded people from all over the world.

HOMESTAY

Live a unique cultural experience and practice your chosen language daily with your host family. Stay in a private or shared room and enjoy the taste of home-made food.

SHARED APARTMENTS

Live and share your experiences with other students while practicing your new language skills with them. Enjoy cooking your own meals and living independently.



Activities

All of Breaktime's partner schools offer a wide variety of activities from Monday to Friday and additional tours during weekends. Many activities are free, like movie nights, conversation clubs, walking tours, days at the beach, sports, etc. Activities that include paying an entry ticket or buying food or drinks, such as visits to amusement parks, pub nights, food sampling, wine tours, cooking lessons or visits to museums will have an extra cost.

On weekends, students will have the option to join a tour outside of the city. These tours are a great option because the rates that students can get are usually cheaper than if you book them independently. On all activities, you will have a school staff member that will organize everything at no extra cost.



Additional Services

In coordination with our partner schools, Breaktime can arrange some important services like airport pick up, medical insurance, requests for specific diets and many more arrangements to make your life much easier when you arrive in your destination.

Breaktime also offers an orientation prior to departure with the most relevant information that you need to know in order to make your program as successful and enjoyable as possible.

How Breaktime can help you?

- 1) Our staff has more than 10 years of experience in the International Education and Work Abroad Industry, so we know our programs inside out and we can help you choose the best option.
- 2) Breaktime provides better prices than the ones you can get if you deal directly with the schools. Frequently schools give us special prices and promotions that we extend to you.
- 3) By working with a Canadian based company, you will be dealing locally and not with an unknown company overseas.
- 4) You can pay for your program in Canadian Dollars and you can do it locally instead of having to wire funds overseas. This will save you time and money.
- 5) We provide all the information that you will need before travelling abroad, such as cultural dos and don'ts, advice on safety, documents, useful contacts upon your arrival, etc.
- 6) While studying overseas, it is much better to be supported by Breaktime. If you need any assistance to make your experience better, we will immediately contact your school.



Have a great time with Breaktime!

Whether you want to make the most out of a short holiday trip by taking some weeks of language lessons, or if you want to take a gap year to work abroad or master a language, Breaktime can help you choose the best option based on your interests, time availability and budget.

Our consultancy service is free and when you book your program with Breaktime, our advice will save you hundreds of dollars in accommodation, preferential course rates, transportation and many other items.

It is not expensive!

Traveling as a student is one of the cheapest and most exciting ways of going abroad. One hour of private lessons in a Canadian Language School frequently costs more than a whole day of lessons with accommodation and meals in many of our destinations! However, the main advantage of travelling abroad as a student or a worker is the experience that you will gain and the positive way in which that experience will affect the rest of your life.

What are you waiting for, the world is your classroom and is waiting for you.

Give us a shout!



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